

REMARKS

Claims remaining in the present patent application are Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-22 and 24-27. Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-22 and 24-27 are amended herein. The Applicants note that no new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments presented herein. The Applicants respectfully request consideration of the above captioned patent application in light of the claim amendments presented herein.

35 USC § 103 Rejections

Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26 stand rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Reber et al. (US 6,418,325, “Reber”) in view of Pallakoff (US 2002/0151283 A1, “Pallakoff”). Applicants have carefully reviewed the cited references and respectfully assert that Reber in view of Pallakoff does not render obvious embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26.

With respect to Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26, Applicants respectfully assert that Reber in view of Pallakoff does not teach, suggest or disclose “displaying computer generated information in a display screen region of a hand held device” in an “area” or “region” “identified by permanent printing” as recited by amended Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26.

In contrast, Reber teaches a “plurality of permanent images... are associated with the touchpad 10” (column 3, lines 31-33). Applicants respectfully

assert that one of ordinary skill in the art would not understand a touchpad device to comprise a “display,” as recited by Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26.

Pallakoff does not correct the deficiencies of Reber. Applicants respectfully assert that Pallakoff does not teach, suggest or disclose the limitation of “a display screen region ... identified by permanent printing” as recited in Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26. Therefore the combination of Pallakoff and Reber fails to teach or suggest these claim limitations.

For this reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26 overcome the rejections of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

Assuming, *arguendo*, that Reber’s touchpad 10 device and associated optical elements constitute a “display,” Applicants respectfully assert that Reber does not teach, suggest or disclose the limitation of “displaying computer generated information” as recited by Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26. In contrast, Reber teaches a selective concealing of “permanent images” (column 3 line 55). Applicants respectfully assert that Reber’s “permanent image(s)” are not “computer generated information” as recited by Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26.

For this additional reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26 overcome the rejections of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

Further with respect to Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26, Applicants respectfully assert that Reber actually teaches away from embodiments in accordance with the present invention as recited in Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-22 and 24-27. Such claims recite “a display screen region ... identified by permanent printing.” Applicants respectfully assert that Reber’s concealable images cannot identify a screen region, particularly when concealed.

For this still additional reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26 overcome the rejections of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of these Claims.

Claim 22 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Reber et al. (US 6,418,325, “Reber”) and Pallakoff (US 2002/0151283 A1, “Pallakoff”) in view of Horie et al. (US 20020058529, “Horie”). Applicants have carefully reviewed the cited references and respectfully assert that Reber and Pallakoff in view of Horie does not render obvious embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claim 22.

Applicants respectfully assert that Reber and Pallakoff in view of Horie does not teach, suggest or disclose “a first display screen region for displaying first computer generated information, said first display screen region identified by permanent printing” as recited by amended Claim 22 for the rationale presented above with respect to Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26. Horie does not correct these deficiencies. Applicants respectfully note that Horie was relied upon to show a protective cover comprising a non-opaque region.

For this reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 22 overcomes the rejections of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Reber et al. (US 6,418,325, “Reber”) and Pallakoff (US 2002/0151283 A1, “Pallakoff”) in view of Liu et al. (US 6,552,719, “Liu”). Applicants have carefully reviewed the cited references and respectfully assert that Reber and Pallakoff in view of Liu does not render obvious embodiments of the present invention as recited in Claim 27.

Applicants respectfully assert that Reber and Pallakoff in view of Horie does not teach, suggest or disclose “displaying computer generated secondary information on a second display screen region identified by permanent printing therein” as recited by amended Claim 27 for the rationale presented above with respect to Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-21 and 24-26. Liu does not correct these deficiencies. Applicants respectfully note that Liu was relied upon to show automatic switching between writing and text modes.

For this reason, Applicants respectfully assert that Claim 27 overcomes the rejections of record, and respectfully solicit allowance of this Claim.

CONCLUSION

Claims remaining in the present patent application are Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-22 and 24-27. Claims 4, 5, 7, 19-22 and 24-27 are amended herein. The Applicants note that no new matter has been introduced as a result of the amendments presented herein.

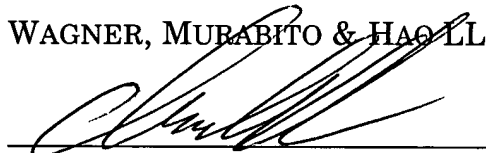
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present Application.

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